

Greenfield, Kilgobbin, Co. Dublin
Nov. 10. 1859

Dear Mrs Chapman - My son Richard came
home today safe and sound. On his arrival
at our home in Brunswick Street, with his
heap of baggage - he made all haste to be
off to the train which brought him out
here, so that I had no time to disturb of
the letters which he handed her from you
- but I will take care to send them on
when I go into town in the morning. Richard
is full of acknowledgments of all the atten-
tion & hospitality he met with from my Amer-
ican friends. After you saw him, he
met Frederick Douglass at a friend's house
in Rochester. He was very friendly and was
obviously desirous to create an agreeable
impression. He spoke of intending to come
and ~~send~~ down to England. Desired to be
remembered to me & said he hoped I would
not bear spite or to that effect. He referred
I suppose to a previous attack upon me which
he published in his paper in Washington of

that unfortunate statement respecting Fisk's
freedom, which H. C. W. sent me but
which I could not be substantiated.
The attack was sent to me, but I never
read it, having a great aversion to such
peculiarities. Douglas told Richard
that he intended going up his paper which
could not be substantiated. He will probably
raise the wind in England - for he has taste
to know how to turn his sails to suit the
public taste in the sister country.

Richard also spent a night at Stephen
Foster's. He was greatly pleased with A. R. F.
who told him she supposed I must imagine
that things were in a great "muddle" amongst
you - but she hoped that a right feeling
existed among you & that you were all
honestly acting for the best - or to that effect.

As to our friend Garrison coming to
England, you know how I love & honor
him & that there is no man I would rather
see under my roof. But I doubt whether
he is as likely to make an impression

as the British public as a much less
remarkable man. It is to say
nothing he chosen upon every subject
(many of them regarded with great
distrust by the leaders of public opinion
or a majority of them) that I would fear
his pulling down with one hand what
he built with the other. This is only
for himself. If he comes no one will
more rejoice to see him than I will or
will be willing to do more to make his
stay pleasant and useful to him.

I am very sorry Richard missed seeing
your sister Deborah, of whom I have heard
Miss Remond speak with enthusiasm.

I would go a long way to see her my-
self. I hope I may have a chance
some day or other.

My two sons are now in full talk
about people & things in Australia &
are writing the Subjects in Ohio.

I was greatly charmed with S. J. May
and so was every body else that met
with him. With all his extraordinary
sweetness of spirit he has more
spirit than I had any idea of. He
struck me as eminently qualified to
make an impression as far as one
could impress the public in an anti
slavery direction.

I am ever truly yours

Rich^d Webb